

**PRAYERS for August 29, 2021 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Assistant:** On this fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, let us praise the name of the Lord and pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Worship Assistant:** Redeeming Lord, we come together today in Your holy name; we acknowledge Your wonderful words and deeds; we humbly feel Your presence here with us today; and we offer You our heartfelt thanks and praise. Let Your face shine on us so that we might believe Your Word, sense Your power, and remember Your promises. We ask You to look down from heaven on Your people and pour out Your strength and hope on us so that we may follow Your Word and be constant in our prayers to You. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....** *hear our prayer.*

**Worship Assistant:** Lord God, nourish the Church with Your words of spirit and life. Fill it with the body and blood of Your dear Son. Make us children of Your heavenly light filled with wisdom and righteousness. Use that light to guide those who do not yet know You to the salvation that You desire for all people. Turn all our hearts to the instruction You have given us in Your Commandments, and let our words and deeds be a testimony to You.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....** *hear our prayer.*

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Father, we ask You to strengthen our walk with You. We know that evil can overtake us, and that it comes in many different forms. We ask You to help us be strong in the Lord, recognize right from wrong, be self-controlled, be honorable, resist the devil, and live peaceably with others. Enable us to choose truth over falsehoods, goodness over evil, generosity over greed, and love over hate. Sometimes the obligations of our lives leave us discouraged or exhausted. Remind us to turn to You for strength and renewal. We know You made us, and we thank You as You constantly work to restore us and remind us of who we are.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....** *hear our prayer.*

**Worship Assistant:** God of compassion, we pray for Your people who are suffering because of physical, financial, emotional, or spiritual needs. Through their pain, loss, or trouble, make them aware of how much they need You and how much You could comfort them. Bless the healing hands of doctors and other health professionals that You have called and sent to care for Your people. Keep Your people safe from the virus and bring healing to those who are suffering today. We especially ask You to be with all the friends and families on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

**(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.)** **Lord, in Your mercy.....***hear our prayer.*

**Worship Assistant:** Protecting God, we lift up to You all who sacrifice their lives in service to our country and our communities: the armed forces, the police, firefighters, medical personnel, and EMTs. Empower them to perform their duties with honesty, integrity, and safety. Lord, we ask You to give us strength and courage to stand up for our faith in a world that has become increasingly hostile to Christians. We especially ask You this morning for safety for the family and friends of Pastor Buba and other Lutherans in Ethiopia as they face dangers from enemies within their country. Give them strength and comfort in their time of trials.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....** *hear our prayer.* **Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**